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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LINES ET AL.

Examiner

Terrell L Mckinnon

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 January 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-11 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 7,8 and 11-13 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6,14 and 15 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 December 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of applicant's amendment filed January 30, 2004.

Claims 1-15 are pending and an action on the merits is as follows.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 7, 8, 12 and 13 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 7, 8, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Angus (U.S. 3,653,221).

Angus discloses a heat exchanger comprising:

- a heat exchanger including a heat transfer wall (A1-A3 and B1-B3) having a first surface and an opposite second surface;
- passing a cooled fluid in contact with the first surface of the heat transfer wall and passing a cooling fluid in contact with the second surface of the heat transfer wall (column 2, lines 42-49);
- directly monitoring (83 and 96) the temperature of the first surface of the heat transfer wall (column 2, lines 18-24; and column 7, lines 1-10);

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- adjusting the flow of one of the cooled fluid and cooling fluid in response to the temperature of the first surface (column 2, lines 41-43); wherein
- adjusting the flow of one of the cooled fluid and cooling fluid is accomplished in response to the temperature of the first surface decreasing at a rate exceeding a predetermined value;
- monitoring is accomplished by a thermocouple (83 and 96) fixed directly to the first surface; and
- a housing (33) containing flow paths (43 and 46) for a cooled fluid and a cooling fluid, the housing having a heat transfer wall (coils) with a first surface for contacting the cooled fluid and a second surface for contacting the cooling fluid.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 9-11 are allowed.
4. Claims 2-6, 14 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following references are cited for disclosing related limitations of the applicant's claimed and disclosed invention. Kirschner et al, Thorsen

et al, Haul, J. L. Lorenz and E. H. Olson.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terrell L Mckinnon whose telephone number is 703-305-0059. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett can be reached on 308-0101. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1148.



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